

## Effective September 1, 2008, pennies will no longer be accepted as payment in bus fareboxes.

Miami-Dade Transit is in the process of implementing the EASY Card fare collection system that will enhance passenger convenience. Unlike our existing fareboxes, the new bus fareboxes will feature coin-validation technology that will prevent the use of foreign or worthless coins, which has resulted in significant revenue loss to the County. The new bus fareboxes will require coins to be deposited individually for validation. Continuing to accept pennies would therefore significantly slow down boardings, causing an inconvenience to passengers and negatively impacting our on-time performance.

The EASY Card system will become available once all the new equipment is fully installed in spring 2009. But we must begin phasing out pennies now as the installation of the new fareboxes begins. Customers will continue to be able to pay their fares with cash or by using their Metropass. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause some passengers as we transition to a better system that we believe will greatly enhance the transit experience for all customers.